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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 19, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20080720), please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed, with a request for a one month extension of time and authorization to charge deposit account **50-4634** for the requisite fees. This response is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page **3** of this paper.